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BEGIN TEXT

1. IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE OUR PRESENT RIGHTS REGARDING AUTOBAHN ACCESS BERLIN TO HELMSTEDT AND TO PROGRESSIVELY STRENGTHEN OUR POSITION THROUGH PROGRAM OF GRADUALLY RE-INSTITUTING AND/OR AUGMENTATION OF CERTAIN PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FORMERLY CUSTOMARY BUT NOW DISCONTINUED, I PROPOSE THAT THE FOLLOWING PLAN BE APPROVED AND AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THIS COMMAND: A. DEVELOP HELMSTEDT INTO A COMMUNICATIONS BASE WITH LIMITED OPERATIONAL CAPACITY BY INCREASING SIZE OF DETACHMENT WITH ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL AND MILITARY POLICE. (ALREADY INITIATED.) B. INCREASE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL PER VEHICLE. (ALREADY INITIATED.) C. PROVIDE VEHICULAR RADIO TO ACCOMPANY EACH CONVOY TO ASSURE COMMUNICATIONS WITH CHECKPOINTS DURING TRANSIT. (ALREADY DIRECTED.) D. INCREASE NUMBER OF SINGLE MILITARY VEHICLES TRANSITING AUTOBAHN. (DO NOT CONTEMPLATE RADIOS WITH SINGLE VEHICLES.) E. INCREASE FREQUENCY OF MULTIPLE (NORMAL) VEHICLE CONVOYS AS WELL AS COMPOSITION. F. REINTRODUCE MILITARY POLICE PATROLS ON AUTOBAHN. G. REINTRODUCE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONNEL ON AUTOBAHN ARMED WITH INDIVIDUAL AND CREW-SERVED WEAPONS. H. INCREASE NUMBER OF SELECTED MILITARY POLICE AT CHECKPOINTS AND CALL ATTENTION TO THEM BY ASSIGNING ADDITIONAL DUTIES, E.G., HAVE MP'S ACCOMPANY CONVOYS TO SOVIET CHECKPOINTS TO ASSIST IN EFFECTING CLEARANCE.

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-2-689, FEBRUARY 12, 7 PM, FROM BERLIN

1. <sup>(D. 1)</sup> TEST SOVIET REACTION THROUGH INTRODUCTION OF CONVOY (AND/OR INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE) OF CLOSED VEHICLES.

2. TIMING OF ABOVE EVENTS SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY SOVIET REACTION TO EACH STEP BUT PRESUMABLY SHOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO 15 MAY 1959. REQUEST THAT I BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT DEGREES OF PLAN BASED ON SOVIET REACTION TO EACH STEP AND SUBJECT TO COORDINATION IN EACH INSTANCE WITH USAREUR AND AMERICAN AMBASSY, BONN.

3. I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS PLAN IN DETAIL WITH AMBASSADOR BRUCE WHO CONCURS IN PRINCIPLE WITH EXCEPTION HE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONCUR WITH IMPLEMENTATION PARA ONE INDIA REPEAT PARA ONE INDIA AT THIS TIME.

4. IF APPROVED I WILL ADVISE FRENCH AND BRITISH OF OUR PLAN.

5. REGRADE CONFIDENTIAL 12 FEB 1962.

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